

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A personal identification check method comprising:

reading personal information from a recording medium by using a predetermined information reader;

5 issuing, from a first information device to a second information device through a network, a request for an identification inquiry regarding a person indicated by the read personal information;

10 causing the second information device to perform an identification inquiry regarding the person indicated by the personal information in accordance with the request and return an inquiry result to the first information device; and

15 causing the first information device to output the returned inquiry result.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying the inquiry result on a screen.

3. The method according to claim 1, further 20 comprising storing log information including the personal information in a predetermined storage area.

4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising adding the inquiry result to the log information.

25 5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising determining, upon reading given personal information, whether same information as the personal

information exists in the log information, and, if the same information exists in the log information, outputting corresponding personal information and an inquiry result.

5       6. An information device comprising:

a personal information reception processing section which receives personal information read from a recording medium by using a predetermined information reader; and

10      an inquiry request/result reception section which issues, to another information device through a network, a request for an identification inquiry regarding a person indicated by the personal information received by the personal information reception processing section, and receives and outputs an identification inquiry result returned in accordance with the request.

15      7. The device according to claim 6, wherein the inquiry request/result reception section displays the inquiry result on a screen.

20      8. The device according to claim 6, wherein the personal information reception processing section stores log information including the received personal information in a predetermined storage area.

25      9. The device according to claim 8, wherein the inquiry request/result reception section adds the inquiry result to the log information.

10. The device according to claim 9, further comprising a log check processing section which determines, when personal information is received by the personal information reception processing section,  
5 whether same information as the personal information exists in the log information, and, if the same information exists, outputs corresponding personal information in the log information and an inquiry result.

10 11. A personal identification check system comprising:

an information reader which reads personal information from a recording medium;

15 a first information device which issues, to another information device through a network, a request for an identification inquiry regarding a person indicated by the personal information received by the personal information reception processing section, and receiving and outputting an identification inquiry  
20 result returned in accordance with the request; and

a second information device which performs an identification inquiry regarding the person indicated by the personal information in accordance with the request from the first information device, and returns  
25 an inquiry result to the first information device.

12. The system according to claim 11, wherein the first information device displays the inquiry result on

a screen.

13. The system according to claim 11, wherein  
the first information device stores log information  
including the received personal information in  
5 a predetermined storage area.

14. The system according to claim 13, wherein the  
first information device adds the inquiry result to the  
log information.

15. The system according to claim 14, wherein the  
first information device determines, when personal  
information is received by the personal information  
reception processing section, whether same information  
as the personal information exists in the log  
information, and, if the same information exists,  
15 outputs corresponding personal information in the log  
information and an inquiry result.